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## **NEWS RELEASE**

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## McAllen Sector Weekend Seizures Total \$5.1 Million

*McALLEN, Texas* – Chief Patrol Agent Jose E. Garza announces that Border Patrol Agents operating throughout the McAllen Sector seized 6,012 pounds of marijuana and 10 pounds of cocaine in 16 separate seizures totaling \$5.1 million in value.

The seizures occurred over the weekend in virtually every station in the sector. The seizures occurred while agents performed traffic-checkpoint operations, line-watch, and other patrol duties. Since the beginning of the fiscal year, McAllen sector has seized 112,795 pounds of marijuana and 2,682 pounds of cocaine valued at \$176,077,932.00.

January 31, two seizures totaling 24 pounds of marijuana by agents from the Falfurrias station.

February 1, eight seizures totaling 2,765 pounds of marijuana and 10 pounds of cocaine. Two were made by agents from the Falfurrias Station, one by Kingsville Station Agents, two by McAllen Station Agents and three by Rio Grande City station Agents.

February 2, six seizures totaling 3,223 pounds of marijuana. Three by Kingsville Station Agents, two by Falfurrias Station Agents and one by McAllen Station Agents.

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